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MCC to hike water tariff, property tax

- Last year's property tax target: Rs. 160 crore
- Property tax collected: Rs. 96.21 crore
- Amount outstanding: Rs. 63.79 crore

Water bills worth Rs. 120 crore pending from houses, commercial complexes; Government Departments owe Rs. 30 crore

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK,KS& BCT)- Get ready to pay more water tariff and property tax as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is all set to effect a hike from the next financial year.

Property tax was last hiked by 15 percent in 2017 and as per the Karnataka Municipal Council Act 1976 (Column 109 A), there is a provision for Municipalities and Corporations to hike property tax once in three years and the hike can be at the range of 15 percent to 30 percent.

The hike automatically kicks in under Self-Assessment System (SAS) of taxation but requires the consent of the Standing Committee on Taxation, Finance and Appeals and the approval of the Corporation Council.

This time, the MCC has plans to hike the water tariff too as according to officials, the water tariffs levied by the MCC is very low when compared to other Corporations and Municipal Councils. Also, MCC is spending crores of rupees to lay drinking water pipelines and maintain them.

(See TARIFF on page 12)

US to help MCC raise funds through Municipal Bonds

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (MTY&BCT)- What may come as a huge financial relief to the cash-strapped Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the United States Department of the Treasury has come forward to provide technical know-how to float Municipal Bonds for major infrastructure projects.

Mysuru figures in the list of six cities that have been selected to receive guidance from the US Treasury Department. Other cities in the list are Rajkot, Vadodara, Lucknow, Pimpri Chinchwad and Mangaluru. This would be the first time these cities would raise money from the open market through Municipal Bonds.

Finalised for Trump visit

Municipal Bonds enable cities to raise resources to finance long-term projects such as infrastructure development.

Countries like the USA have had a long experience of using Municipal Bonds to finance the development of cities and their infrastructure. US President Donald Trump's visit to India from tomorrow would see India and US forging the alliance to enable the six cities to tap the potential of raising infrastructure funds through Municipal Bonds.

The Municipal Bond market is relatively new for cities in India. Pune was the first city to use this method to raise money for a water supply project in 2017. It had raised Rs. 200 crore.

US Treasury Department had helped Pune to begin this process on a pilot project basis. Seven other cities have also raised funds worth Rs. 3,200 crore for Municipal projects. These include Hyderabad, Indore, Amravati, Bhopal and Visakhapatnam.

Mysuru has 'A Grade' in credit ratings

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that Mysuru had been selected to float Municipal Bonds under the guidance of US Treasury Department.

"We get our revenues from taxes and not much is saved for development after paying salaries and dues. Rs. 150 crore goes for maintenance. These Bonds offer credit for long-term projects based on credit ratings of a particular city. Mysuru has 'A Grade' in credit ratings and we have been approaching the Government to explore the possibilities of raising funds through Municipal Bonds for specific projects," he said.

(See BONDS on page 8)

Casi-NO! Tourism Minister

C.T. Ravi does a volte-face

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi has said that he has not announced the opening of casinos in Karnataka. However, he said casinos are common in foreign countries.

C.T. Ravi

Yesterday morning he had stated that there was a proposal before the Tourism Department to open casino parlours in Karnataka to rake in revenues and also to retain tourists who otherwise escape to Goa or Sri Lanka for casino games.

Soon, the news was flashed by Media and the Minister was widely criticised for the move, C.T. Ravi did a volte-face in the evening. "People from Karnataka spend money in casinos in Goa and foreign countries, generating good income for them," he said, adding that casinos play a big role in developing tourism.

"The money is Indian money and they are taking it abroad. Casinos in Singapore and Sri Lanka have large number of patrons of Indian origin and at the end, it is Indian money that is going abroad. India is losing out on foreign exchange revenue. If there is any option to stop this, I will extend all help. We need to create jobs her. But I have no plans to open casinos in Karnataka," he added. "Though I had mentioned village and heritage tourism, media highlighted only the casino aspect. There are no plans to set up a casino or a pub. Our Department has not taken any decision in this regard. It needs permission from the Home Ministry too," he clarified.

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Excel in College Fest

C.A. Sujith *Mohith Mohanan* *Nakul Agarwal* *Laksharth*

Mysuru, Feb.23- The following students of Sapient College of Commerce and Management bagged prizes in the National-level Fest, 'MAHAM' organised by Mahajana First Grade College recently: **C.A. Sujith** (2nd year B.Com) - First place in Photography event; **Mohith Mohanan** (2nd year BBA) - Second in Best Manager event; **Nakul Agarwal** and **Laksharth** (1st year B.Com) - Second in Entrepreneurship event.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb.23- **B.M. Madhusudan** has been awarded

Ph.D in Mechanical Engineeering Sciences by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, for his thesis 'Development of Aluminium Based Metal Matrix Nanocomposites' [Guide: Dr. H.P. Raju and Dr. Ghanaraja].

M. Yashodha has been

awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences by Visvesvaraya Technological University of Belagavi for her thesis 'Trilingual Handwritten Character Recognition System' [Guide: Dr. S.K. Niranjan].

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE MORE AND MORE OFFICIAL ID WE HAVE TO PROVE WHO WE ARE, THE LESS AND LESS WE FEEL INDIAN: ***The India I grew up in was a paperless country. Not paperless in the way our computerised society is today, but paperless in the sense we didn't have any official papers to establish our identity as Indians. Very few Indians had passports, foreign travel being a remote luxury that only the super-rich could afford. The only proof of identity most of us had was the ration card, which enabled people to buy cheap rice, and sugar, and kerosene for cooking. Other than that we had nothing to show that we were bona fide Indians.***

And we were proud of this state of affairs, proud that unlike other societies — like the Soviet Union at that time — we weren't being surveilled by a Big Brother Sarkar, which required us to carry personal ID with us all the time which had to be shown on demand. We were Indians not because a piece of paper called us that, but because we lived in India. Our being was in India, and India was in our being. Today, we are becoming paper people, with papers proving who we are: Passports, PAN cards, Aadhaar cards, Voter ID cards, National Population Registers, a National Register of Citizenship. So much paper. It makes one wonder if our new, officially approved Indianness is even worth all the paper it's being written on.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Japan's solution to help turtles cross train tracks

Tokyo: Turtles may be cute, but they are also slow, which doesn't really help them when they are trying to cross train tracks. Luckily, for the turtles in Japan's Hyōgo Prefecture, Railway operators and a local aquarium teamed up to find a solution. In 2015, West Japan Railway Co. and Suma Aqualife Park in Kobe joint forces to prevent tragic turtle deaths on the tracks and unnecessary train delay. After running a series of tests and experiments, they came up with a U-shaped ditch that collects the turtles, preventing them from getting stuck between the metal tracks and getting squashed to death.

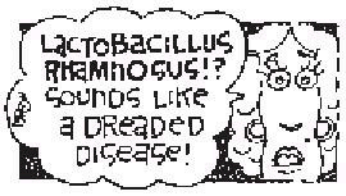
The U-shaped concrete ditches catch the turtles at danger of getting stuck between the tracks. They allow the turtles to get past the junctions safely and even if some smaller reptiles have trouble getting out of the ditch, Railway employees check the new system monthly, removing the turtles and transferring them safely to a nearby aquarium.

Woman left with scar after getting henna tattoo

New York: An American holidaymaker was left feeling 'claustrophobic' in her own skin after a holiday henna tattoo left her with foot-long horror burns. Violinist Amanda, 30, had a half-sleeve mandala-style design inked on her left arm – from the top of her shoulder down to her elbow – which ended up oozing a 'clear liquid' and causing 'grapefruit-size' swelling. Two days after the tattoo, Amanda – who was initially thrilled with the 'very dark' design – developed a burn on her arm that erupted into a number of blisters, leaving her needing hospital treatment.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the purpose of Probiotic foods?



It is important to take Probiotics to reduce dangerous bacterial overgrowth. The best Probiotics include: Lactobacillus acidephilus, lactobacillus rhamnosus, lactobacillus plantrum and bifidobacterium bifidun. Take at least 10 billion CFU daily.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Overall Champions

Seen are** (standing from left) **R. Prithviraj, Gagandeep Krishna and Joshua Rohan Philips;** (sitting from left) **Somya Gupta, Bitta Maria Kuriam, Prakruthi Nagabhushana and Shreya Sujith.

Mysuru, Feb.23- The students of MICA College won multiple events as well as the Overall Championship in the National-Level Fest, MAHAM, organised by Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru.

Gagandeep Krishna and **Shreya Sujith** won the HR event, **Somya Gupta** and **Bitta Maria Kuriam** won the Finance event with **R. Prithviraj** and **Prakruthi Nagabhushan** as runners-up in the same, **Joshua Rohan Philips** won the title of Best Manager and **Chirag Pareek** won the first place in the Solo Singing event.

Really...?

- ***Birthplace of Bangalore Torpedo:** This is not the name of a natural phenomenon, but of a highly dangerous explosive mainly used in the battle field. Bangalore torpedoes have been used by several armies around the world, as well as in both world wars. It is used in the line of fire to clear paths up to a distance of four meters. It was first produced under the leadership of Captain McClintock of the British Indian Army unit — Madras Sappers and Miners, in Bengaluru.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Wife:** What are you doing?*
***Husband:** Killing flies.*
***Wife:** Oh. Got any?*
***Husband:** Yep, two males, three females.*
***Wife:** Oh come on! How do you say that?!*
***Husband:** Two were on a beer can, three on phone!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.13
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1 Euro	= Rs. 77.98

VOICE OF THE READER

Passport issued

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Sir,

I submitted my Passport reissue application online through Thomas Cook India, Mysuru Office, a few days back as there were no pages left in my Passport because of my multiple foreign tours last five years.

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I received a message on my cellphone by afternoon that my application was processed under post police inquiry.

I got another message before evening that my passport has been printed. By evening I received one more message that my passport has been dispatched by speed post.

Today (21.2.2020), my passport was delivered before noon by our postman. I just could not believe that this could happen in India or anywhere in the world — Process, Biometrics, photograph, print, speed post from Bengaluru and delivery at Mysuru, within 24 hours ! Kudos to all the persons involved in the process, particularly all the members of the staff at Passport processing office in Lalbagh. In case all the Government Departments function this way, India will supersede all in the world.

—John D'Souza
Deputy General Manager [retd.], Corporation Bank
Roopanagar
22.2.2020

'Shabd 2020' Literary-Art Contest held

College Annual Magazine 'Jayzine' released

Mysuru, Feb. 23- J.S. Amoghavarsha, a Wildlife Photographer and one of the Filmmakers of the documentary 'Wild Karnataka,' inaugurated the 14th edition of 2-day inter-collegiate literary and art competition, 'Shabd 2020' at JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&TU) in city recently.

JSS S&TU Registrar Prof. K.S. Lokesh, SJCE Principal Prof. T.N. Nagabhushana, Editorial Board Staff Co-ordinator Prof. Vanishri Arun and student Editors-in-Chief M.U. Vishruth and V. Poornachandra were present.

Prof. Vanishri introduced everyone to the event. Poornachandra presented the annual report of the Editorial Board. Annual Magazine 'Jayzine' was released on the occasion. The chief guest was presented with a memento painted by one of the Board members, Sharvari. Sanchitha proposed a vote of thanks.

Pictionary, Creative Writing, Debate, Love Letter writing, JAM, Quiz, Crossword, Poetry, JTGW, Password in Kannada and English and Logo Making, Photography, Pencil Sketching, Painting and Mask Making were the events spread over the two days. There were over 300 participants from colleges of Mysuru and a few participants were from PES College of Engineering, Mandya and RV College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

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Lecture programmes in city from Feb. 25

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (KS)- As part of Jhasne Hazarath Kwaja Gareebun Nawaz celebrations, lecture programmes by Sunni Ulmas have been organised at various Mosques in city from Feb. 25 to Mar. 2.

Details of the lecture programmes at a few Mosques are as follows:

Daily after Fajar prayer: Masjid-e-Ya Rasool Allah at Rajivnagar 1st Stage, Masjid Khatoon-e-Janath at Belawatha in Kesare, Masjid Raza at Ghousianagar, Madeena Masjid at Muslim Block in Kyathamaranahalli, Masjid Rehamathiya at NGO Kareem Block in Shanthinagar and Masjid-e-Mushayaqeen at Rajivnagar.

After Maqrib prayer: Masjid Aala Hazarath at Rajiv Nagar, Masjid Hazarath Khawja Garibun Nawaz at Nehru Nagar, Masjid Hazarath Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani at Shreenagar, Masjid-e-Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, Masjid Bismilla at Bharath Nagar, Masjid-e-Munawara at R.S.Naidu Nagar, Masjid Zeenath-ul-Nawab Saheb on Chamaraja Double Road, Masjid Hali Meamoon Jamath at Shivarampet, Masjid-e-Moula Ali at Ghousianagar, Masjid Rehamaniya, near Silk Factory in Mysuru South, Masjid Moula Hussain at Sathyanagar, Masjid Hazarath Ameer Hamza at Shanthinagar, Masjid Aqsa at Fountain Circle and Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road.

Daily after Isha prayer: Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, Dargahi Masjid on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla, Masjid Sardar Khan at Ganjam in Srirangapatna, Darul Uloom Raza Mustafa Arabic Madries at Shanthinagar, Madries Faiz-ul-Quran at Sunni Chowk, Darga Shariff Hazarath Char Baras Key Peer at Bada Makan near Tipu Circle, Masjid Ya Mustafa at Udayagiri, Masjid Syed Ahmed at S.A. Layout in Rajivnagar, Masjid Ya Rub at Kalyanagiri, Masjid Noor at Ghousianagar, Mahamoodiya Masjid at Shanthinagar, Mecca Masjid at Rajivnagar, Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road, Masjid Shoudoul Badar (Ek-Minar) at Shanthinagar, Masjid-e-Husnain at B.M. Sri Nagar, Jamiya Masjid, Daruloom Azeezia at Mamballi and Jamiya Tippu Masjid Aala at Srirangapatna.

For details, contact Hafeezulla Shariff Khadree on Mob: 99012-70392, according to a press release.

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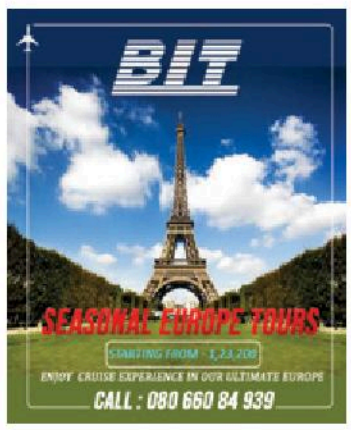

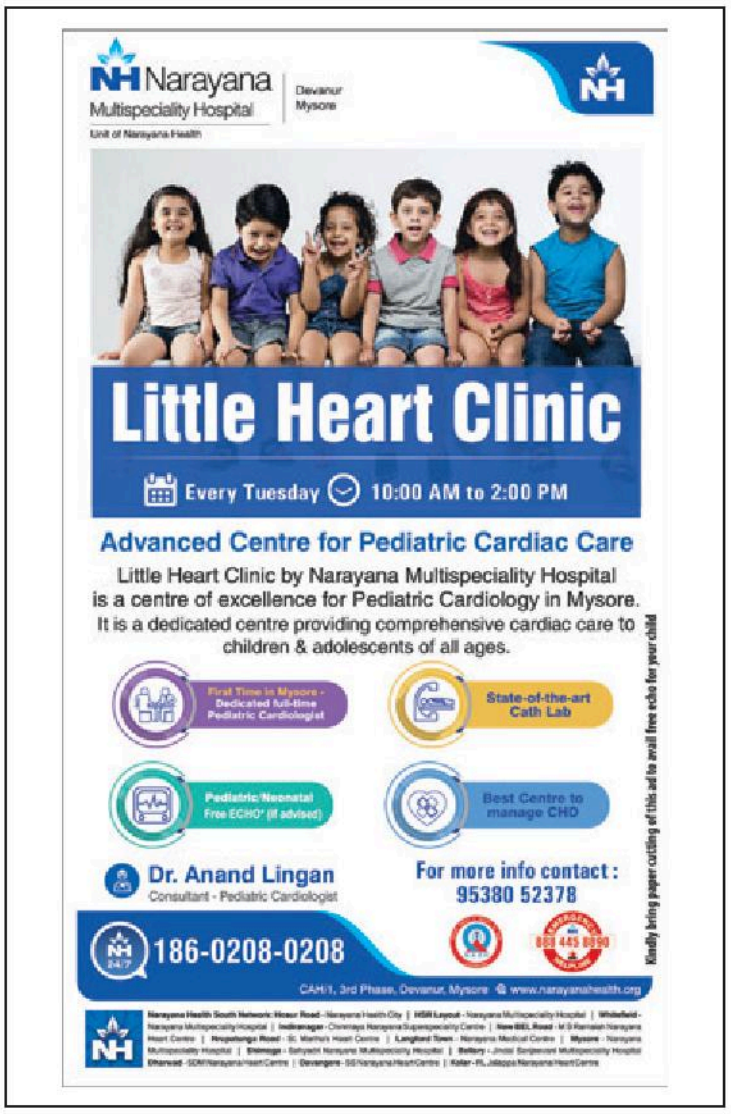
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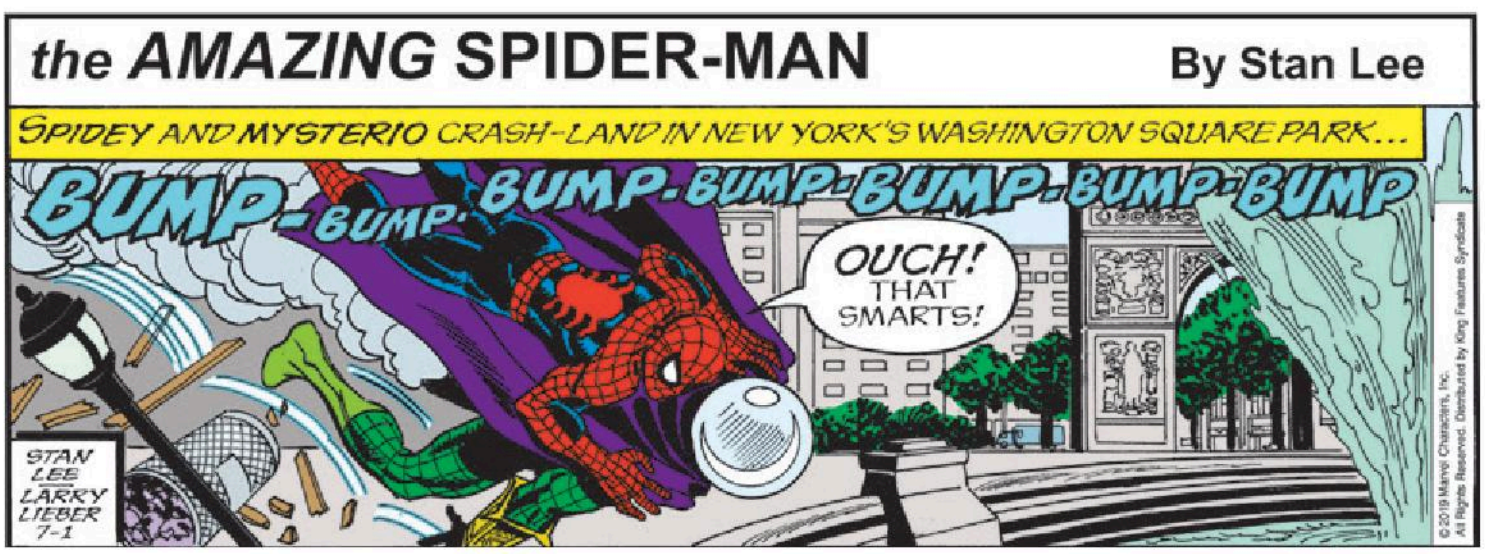
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NEWS BRIEFS

No power tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas on Feb. 24 between 10 am and 5 pm: Nanjangud: Sindhuvalli Power Distribution Centre — Devirammanahalli, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Naviluru, Sindhuvalli, Kudlapura, Kasuvinahalli Gram Panchayat limits and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Veerashaiva mass marriage on Mar.15

The Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Mutt Seers Consortium (Goshti) will be conducting a Veerashaiva community mass marriage at Sri Virakta Mutt at Harave in Chamarajanagar taluk on Mar.15. Interested Veerashaiva brides and bridegrooms can register at the Goshti office located at Shivaratri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru or Sri Virakta Mutt at Harave before Mar. 5. For details, call Mob: 99641-51105 or 94490-30588.

'Ranga Banuli' on Feb.25

City's Rangayana in association with Prasara Bharati of Mysuru Akashavani, will be airing the monthly 'Ranga Banuli' programme at Rangayana's Sriranga at 6.30pm on Feb.25. This month's programme will focus on cancer awareness with the theme 'Be aware of the dreaded Cancer,' marking World Cancer Day. Senior Journalist Dr. Kudli Gururaj and AIR Mysuru Head S.S .Umesh will be the chief guests. For details, call Ph: 0821-2512639/ 2415905.

National Seminar on Tribal Languages

Kendra Sahitya Academy will be conducting a National Seminar on 'Tribal languages' at Ravindra Bhavan in New Delhi from Feb. 24 to 29. Mysuru Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa will present a paper on Kodava Tribal Language at 10.30 am on Feb. 25, the second day of the seminar. The conference will be attended by tribal language writers and intellectuals. The conference has assumed significance in the wake of demands that Kodava language be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

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Menstrual taboo: Women isolated in huts

This inhuman practice is followed for generations in a remote Mandya village

By Nagaiah Lalanakere

Mandya, Feb.23- At a time when the world is witnessing rapid advancements in science and technology like never before, here is a case where menstruating women and lactating mothers are barred from entering the village.

Women and young girls of Gollarahatti (Gollaradoddi) in Nagamangala Taluk of the district dread in trepidation as they get ready to spend three to four days at a hut outside their village when they are banished during menstruation. Even lactating mothers are forced to stay at these huts outside the village as they are considered a 'bad omen.' During rainy season, it is all the more difficult to stay in a hut as the rainwater seeps in.

Gollaradoddi in Nagamangala Taluk has become notorious after villagers, falling prey to superstitious beliefs, have banned menstruating women and lactating mothers from entering the village. The villagers believe that entry of such women is a bad omen for the village.

Most of the villagers here are overcome by superstition and hence are adamant on following this ominous practice even during this modern era. Once women menstruate, they are driven out of their homes for a period of five days and are forced to stay at small huts specially built for them on the outskirts of the village.

Although the villagers are educated on the effects of this evil and inhuman practice, they seem adamant on continuing with the blind belief.

These huts lack even a proper bed, let alone electricity and other basic amenities. Most of them have temporary bathrooms made with bamboo, gunny bags and coconut fronds. Girl students miss school while they are in the huts and many times are unable to attend school exams.

With this inhuman practice going on unchecked, the District Administration, especially the Social Welfare Department and the Women and Child Development Department, seem to have not taken measures to save menstruating girls and women, lactating mothers from this agony.

Even as the Government boasts of women-centric initiatives such as *'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao,'* the situation of women in this sleepy Nagamangala village of Gollaradoddi is unfathomable as women are left to fend for themselves in make-shift huts and shanties.

The Government must act at least now and take stern measures for ending this evil practice.

Reacting to this practise, Chikkathayamma, an elderly woman of the village, said that no woman is left alone to fend for herself. A few elderly women of the village will accompany them in huts. The practice is driven by a superstitious belief that keeping menstruating girls and lactating women at homes will bring a bad omen for family and this belief deeply entrenched in the minds of the villagers. She added that it is an age-old practice that is being followed for generations.

Another elderly woman Venkatamma said that menstruating girls and women are kept out of their homes for five days, while girls who attain puberty are kept out for a month. Lactating mothers are denied entry to the village for three months.

Even male members of the family are supportive of this belief and the practice is on for decades, she said and added that the villagers rely on God to safeguard such women who are kept out of their homes.

Saptapadi: Publicity vehicle launched

Mysuru, Feb.23(MTY&DM)- With two months to go for the Government's ambitious 'Saptapadi' mass marriage programme (Apr. 26), Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.R. Poornima launched the publicity vehicle in front of Trineshwara Swamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises here on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, she said that the mass-marriage programme will take place atop Chamundi Hill on April.26. Noting that the initiative is aimed at helping the poor and low-income families, she said that the mass-marriage programme will be a boon to farmers and the working class. Bemoaning that many parents are turning debtors after spending huge sums of money for conducting marriages of their wards, Poornima said that the Government's 'Saptapadi' initiative will ease the financial burden of lower middle-class and poor families.

Pointing out that the Government will be conducting the mass marriage at all 'A' Grade Muzrai Temples across the State on April. 26, the ADC said that 22 brides and grooms have registered for the mass marriage so far. Maintaining that the mass marriage is not restricted to any community or religion, she said that though the mass marriage will be simple in nature, all rituals and traditional practices will be followed. Interested brides and grooms can register by Mar. 27. The bridegroom will be given Rs. 5,000 for dhoti, shirt and a garland, while the bride will be given Rs.10,000 to purchase saree and blouse, and will be given a 8 gm-gold 'Thali,' she said.

Continuing, she said that the Revenue Department will keep Rs.10,000 as fixed deposit in the name of the bride under 'Adarsha Vivaha' scheme. Also, the Social Welfare Department will provide a financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 to SC community couples. Eligible bridegrooms with the minimum age of 21 years and brides who have attained the age of 18 years can register before Mar. 27 along with supporting documents, the ADC said.

Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer (EO) Yathiraj Sampatkumaran, Assistant Administrative Officer (AAO) Govindaraju, Chamundeshwari Temple Chief Priest Sashisekhar Dr. Dikshit and others were present.

Gold deposits found near Srirangapatna

Mandya, Feb.23 (Nagaiah& DM)- Days after scientists confirmed the existence of Lithium deposits near Karighatta in Srirangapatna taluk, it has now come to light that scientists had discovered gold deposits at Hunjanakere near Arakere in the taluk when Britishers ruled the country in the nineteenth century.

British Scientists are said to have discovered gold deposits at a hillock near Hunjanakere located about 5 kms from Arakere on Arakere-Mandya Road. The gold deposit was learnt to have been discovered when scientists excavated the hillock between 1882 and 1913.

The three caves dug up in the hillock stands testimony for the research carried out by the scientists then. Apart from this, the hillock has been mentioned as a 'Gold Mine' in the old survey map of the village.

Locals call the hillock as a 'gold mine' perhaps for the reason that scientists had carried out searches for gold long ago. However, there is no evidence to prove that researches continued after the Britishers left the country. Also, there are no reports on whether British scientists actually found gold deposits in the area. However, local villagers affirm that gold deposit do exist in the area.

Speaking to *SOM*, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh said that he came to know that scientists had carried out researches for discovering gold deposits at Hunjanakere when the British ruled the country.

"I have also seen old maps where the area has been marked as gold deposit area. Also, there is a mention about three caves dug up as proof of the researches being carried out then. A report will be submitted to the Government in this regard and it is to be seen what action the Government will take," he said.

Already, Lithium deposits have been discovered in the district', the Deputy Commissioner said and added that Mandya will add one more feather to its cap if gold deposits are indeed discovered in the district.

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King Raja Dahir: Forgotten Hero

History is witness to rise and fall of empires and smaller kingdoms from the time of Ashoka the Great. In fact, it was Ashoka who unified most parts of the country. After the Kalinga war which saw a lot of bloodshed and killings he embraced Buddhism and preached truth, non-violence and good character.

Under this general background we may refer to a Brahmin dynasty that ruled parts of India now in Pakistan. There were many kings belonging to Brahmin dynasty in Sindh. Even *Bhagavadgita* states that Brahmins should learn Vedas, Upanishads and guide the country.

According to *Bhagavadgita*, Kshatriya should rule. Even Sri Ramachandra was a Kshatriya and he was guided by great sages who were Vedic scholars. This is the case with Mahabharata also where the Pandavas were good people following principles of *Bhagavadgita*. Nearer home, the Maharajas of Mysore were Kshatriyas and ruled under the guidance of the Pontiffs of Parakala Mutt and Sringeri Mutt. The Lingayats or the Veerashaivas used to go to their respective Mutts.

The dynasty that we are discussing here is a Brahmin dynasty. It was given to Raja Dahir who was a Maharaja of Sindh. His predecessor was Chandarraja and Raja Dahir was born in 663 AD at a place called Alor, the present day Rohri located in Sindh. Raja Dahir's original name was Raja Dahir Sen. His wife's name was Ladi. The couple had three daughters — Suryadevi, Premadevi and Jodhadevi. When everything was going on well, Raja Dahir's kingdom was conquered by Umayyad Caliphate. This Caliph was jealous of seeing the power of Dahir's Kingdom and waged a war. Caught unawares, the army of Raja Dahir did not expect this and naturally was defeated.

Raja Dahir was not only defeated but was killed at the battle of Alor on the banks of the river Indus. Coming back to the Brahmin dynasty, fortunately we have many Muslim chronicles like *Chachnama* and *Shahnama*. It is quite likely that these Muslim chronicles might have exaggerated their strength while ignoring the strength of Brahmin dynasty in which was born Raja Dahir.

Raja Dahir declared to his family and army thus: "I am going to meet the Arabs in the open battle and fight against them as best as I can. I and my army will put up a grand show. I hope to destroy the Arabs if I do that, my Brahmin dynasty will be established on a firm footing and perhaps this will be an eye- opener to all the contemporary and future historians. If I and my army is destroyed we will get *Veera Swarga* (honourable place in heaven) and if my army wins, the future history will record it in golden letters that a Brahmin dynasty had the determination and power to destroy the army of Arabs."

Further, he also declared that if he was killed on the battle field it will be recorded in the books of Arabia and India. This will bring permanent glory to his dynasty. Actually the predecessors of this dynasty start from 58 BC. He is said to have been a contemporary of Vikramaditya of Dharanagar. His name was Adi Rai. His son Dev Rai succeeded him in the year 60 AD. Then came Sukhdev Singh Charak who became a Maharaja after defeating Sassanids.

This was almost the time when the Huna invasion took place. Sukhdev's kingdom was prosperous and hence could issue silver coins from about the seventh century AD. Unfortunately the silver coins of these kings have not come down to us.

Naturally these kings had a vast empire which extended to the east of the boundary of Kashmir, on the west to Makran and mouth of the river Tigris to the Sri Lankan coast and they looted the commodities from their bases at Kutch, Debal and Kathiawar.

Hajaj's next campaign was under the leadership of Muhammed-bin-quasim. In 711, Quasim attacked Debal and freed the prisoners of the previous battle because they were unjustifiably kept in the prison. This was at the instance of Raja Dahir. This enraged the Arabs and again launched an attack on the kingdom of Raja Dahir.

Another unfortunate incident was that the Buddhist governor out of fear acknowledged the supremacy of Caliphates. But due to the treachery of his friends, Dahir was defeated and was captured. Added to this, Dahir's eastern territory was taken away and merged into Umayyad Caliphate. This was a great blow to Dahir. But he did not give up. He wanted to protect his Hindu kingdom and tried again. He called all his friends, army chiefs and held a secret meeting. In this meeting Dahir's Cabinet Minister suggested that he should take refuge under one of the friendly kings of India. Dahir did not accept it.

Then the Minister suggested that he should send away his family to friendly Indian kingdom. Dahir became furious at this suggestion and he thought what will happen to his friendly Thakurs and Nobles. "I cannot do this. Tomorrow not only me but my entire dynasty will be branded as a traitor's family. This is against the tradition of India. Hence I will not resort to this," he said.

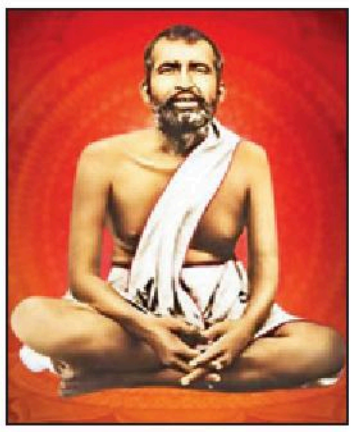
Dahir again swung into action. With his army though small he had determined to protect his motherland. He shouted "This land is not only mine but it belongs to every Hindu and hence let us all fight together." Dahir then sent his forces to prevent Quasim to cross the Indus River, holy river of India and moved his forces to its eastern banks. However, Quasim crossed the river and defeated the forces of Dahir which was fighting under Dahir's own son Jaisinh at a battle fought at Jilar. Quasim defeated Jaisinh in 712 and killed him. His head was cut off from his body. Unfortunately, it was not handed over to Dahir's family but was sent to Quasim's family. Thus even a respectful cremation was denied.

Thus a great hero Raja Dahir sacrificed all royal comforts and even sacrificed his own son for the sake of his country. We have hundreds of such men and women who sacrificed themselves, their family and everything for the sake of motherland. We can only salute them and pray for their souls to Rest in Peace.

RK Ashram to celebrate 185th Jayanti of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa on Feb.25

Five-day Annual Celebrations from Feb.26

Mysuru, Feb.23- Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Yadavagiri, will be celebrating the 185th Jayanti of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa on Feb.25 and Annual Celebrations of the Ashram will be held from Feb.26 to Mar.1 at the Ashram premises.



Feb.25 events

5.15 am: Vedic Chanting; 5.30 am: Mangalarati and Bhajans; 7.30 am: Special Puja; 8 am: Vishnusahasranama Chanting; 9 am: Bhajans; 10.35 am: Reading of Selected Passages; 10.45 am: Mahamanagalarati; 11 am: Homa; 12 noon: Prasadam distribution; 4.30 pm: Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali; 5.30 pm: Vedic Chanting from Yuvaka Sangha; 6 pm: Discourse in Kannada on 'Sri Ramakrishna's Life and Teaching'; 7 pm: Sandhyarati and Special Bhajans.

Feb.26

5.45 pm to 8 pm: Homage to Swami Vivekananda; 5.45 pm: Aratrikam at the auditorium; Discourse in English by Swami Dayatmanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, Halasuru, Bengaluru, on 'Mystical Spiritual Experiences of Swami Vivekananda in the West'; Discourse in Kannada by Dr. T.S. Poornima, Dy. Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Mysuru and renowned writer, on 'Woman Empowerment as Envisioned by Swami Vivekananda.'

Feb.27

9.30 am to 1.30 pm: Seminar for youths 'Yuvashakti Spurana'; 5.45 pm to 8 pm: Homage to Holy Mother Sri Saradadevi; 5.45 pm: Aratrikam at the auditorium; Discourse in Kannada by Swami Nityasthanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Davanagere, on 'Sri Sarada Devi - Embodiment of Compassion'; Discourse in Kannada by Vidu. Deepika Pandurangi, renowned speaker and singer, Mysuru, on 'Sri Sarada Devi - The Exemplary Ideal.'

Feb.28

9.30 am to 1 pm: Seminar for B.Ed. students 'Yuvashakti Spurana'; 5.45 pm to 8 pm: Cultural Programme; 5.45 pm: Aratrikam at the auditorium; Yakshagana 'Veera Babruvahana' by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Vivekanandanagar, Mysuru.

Feb.29

5.45 pm to 8 pm: Cultural Programme; 5.45 pm: Aratrikam at the auditorium; Harikathe on 'Sundarakanda' by Narayana Das, Sirsi (Disciple of Sant Bhadragiri Achyutadas).

Mar.1

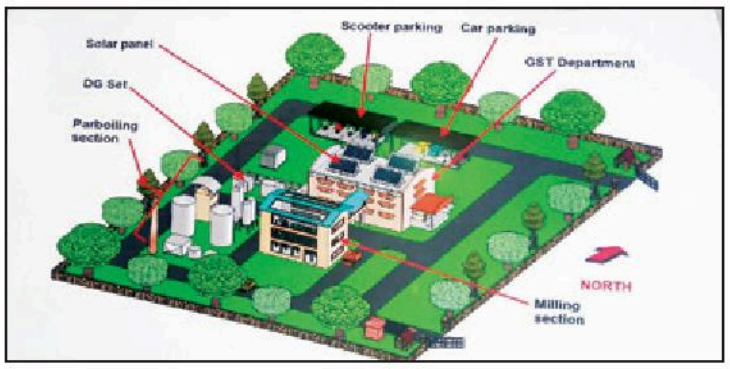
9.30 am to 1 pm: Homage to Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa; Spiritual Retreat for Devotees; Discourse in Kannada by Swami Nityasthanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Davangere, on 'Shraddha alone is enough'; Discourse in Kannada by Swami Veereshananda Saraswati, President, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram, Tumakuru, on 'Ideals of Life Expounded by Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna; 5.45 pm to 8 pm: Cultural Programme; 5.45 pm: Aratrikam at the auditorium; Bhajana Sandhya by Sri Venkatesha Bhajana Mandali, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

Suttur Seer fetes *Padma Shri* awardees

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji seen felicitating** Padma Shri **awardees K.V. Sampath Kumar and his wife K.S. Jayalakshmi, who are editors of the only Sanskrit daily 'Sudharma' at the valedictory of the two-day seminar held as part of the birth centenary celebrations of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar at JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram recently. Others seen are JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Department of Archaeology and Museums Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and College Principal Dr. K.V. Suresha.

Foundation stone laid for CFTRI's Rice Technology Centre

Dignitaries performing 'Guddali Puja' for Global Centre for Rice Technology at CFTRI residential quarters in city yesterday.



Artist's impression of CFTRI's Rice Technology Centre.

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&DM)- The Foundation stone for the ambitious project of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI) — Global Centre for Rice Technology (GCRT) — was laid in the premises of CFTRI residential quarters in MG Halli, along Kalidasa Road (close to Chandrakala Hospital) here yesterday. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Sid Mukherjee, MD, Silicon Road, said that it is a very important project for all of us as 'Rice' is consumed by 50 percent of the global population.

Pointing out that the Centre would establish the missing vital link between the Rice milling sector and academia, he added that the Centre would go a long way in making the country stronger and self-sufficient.

Stating that this is going to be a world-class training Institute, Mukherjee said that the Centre will be of great help in preparing Rice Mills for the future.

CFTRI Director Dr. KSMS Raghava Rao, who also spoke on the occasion, said that the GCRT is coming up at an estimated cost of about Rs.30 crore. The Centre will train Rice Mill owners, Mill operators and all others concerned, he said and added that as far as his knowledge, there is no such 'School' anywhere else in the country.

The CFTRI Director further said that the GCRT will be a collaborative venture between CFTRI, Mysuru, Buhler India (P) Ltd., Bengaluru and APIT (Agri Process Innovations Technologies), Bengaluru. While Buhler India, which helped setting up of the International School of Milling Technology at CFTRI, will provide machinery for the GCRT, CFTRI will provide knowledge input and APIT will provide all the other necessary infrastructure, he said.

Pointing out that the countries surrounding peninsular India were major rice producing and consuming countries, the CFTRI Director said that Rice Milling Industry has come a long way and the previous decade has witnessed large scale investments in the sector.

Continuing, he said that GCRT's goal includes setting up of a world class Institute to provide customised training for different category of personnel and for durations, focussing on entire gamut of Rice milling, including by-product utilisation, setting up a rice analytical laboratory for the benefit of the Industry and linking up Pre-harvest and Post-harvest Technological Institutes to provide a complete and comprehensive solution to the Rice Industry.

Noting that qualified personnel is the need of the hour and also key for conserving rice, especially at a time when rice is in great demand as a food source across the world, the CFTRI Director said that the Centre will also focus on implementation of 'Swachh Bharat' in Rice Mills.

A. Srinivas and A. Jaydeep, faculty, Department of Grain Science and Technology, CFTRI, Dr. S.Z. Ali, former faculty, Shashikumar Thimmaiah, Managing Director of APIT, Bengaluru, Prashanth Gokhale, Managing Director, Buhler India, Bengaluru and others were present.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed item rate tenders in the prescribed form are invited by the Principal, SJCE on behalf of JSS Mahavidyapeeta, Mysore from the registered Civil contractors of State PWD/CPWD and JSS MVP for the below mentioned works.

Sl No	Name of work	Amount Put to tender (Excluding GST) Rs.	EMD 2.5% for General & 1.25% for reserved category Rs.	Cost of tender form + GST (to be paid through DD only) in Rs.	Time allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Reservation
1	Repair of existing waterproof treatment with chemical waterproofing treatment to RCC Roof slab of CAD/CAM building of Mechanical dept., at JSS TI Campus, Mysuru.	357353.00	8934.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
2	Repair of existing waterproof treatment with chemical waterproofing treatment to RCC Roof slab of Chemistry Dept. at JSS TI Campus, Mysuru.	420201.00	5253.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	SC
3	Repair of existing waterproof treatment with chemical waterproofing treatment to RCC Roof slab of SJCE Staff room at SJCE, JSS TI Campus, Mysuru.	313183.00	7830.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
4	Providing external painting to CAD / CAM building SJCE at JSS TI Campus, Mysuru.	138032.00	3451.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV & above	General
5	Repairs and painting works to gents general washroom at GF of IP dept of PST, ENV, IP building of SJCE, at JSS TI Campus, Mysuru	310085.00	7752.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
6	Repairs and painting works to ladies and gents general washroom at GF of IS dept. of SJCE at JSS TI Campus, Mysuru	251190.00	6280.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
7	Repair of existing washroom and chemical waterproof treatment to RCC Roof slab of Gym at SJCE, JSS TI Campus, Mysuru	421957.00	10549.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
8	Repair of existing waterproof treatment with chemical waterproofing treatment to RCC Roof slab of SJCE canteen at SJCE, JSS TI Campus, Mysuru.	231081.00	2889.00	500.00 + GST	20 Days	Class IV and above	ST

1) Date of issue of tender forms: **24.02.2020 to 02.03.2020.** 2) Last date for receipt of tender: **04.03.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.** 3) Date of opening the tender: **04.03.2020 after 4.30 P.M.** (If possible). 4) DD to be taken in favour of **The Principal, SJCE, Mysuru.** 5) Fee paid for application form is Non Refundable 6) The decision of the Managing committee will be final in all respects 7) Further details may be had from the office of the **Resident Engineer- Division – 04, JSS TI Campus, Mysuru**, on all working days between **10.30 AM to 5.30 PM.**

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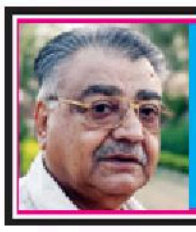

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj –3

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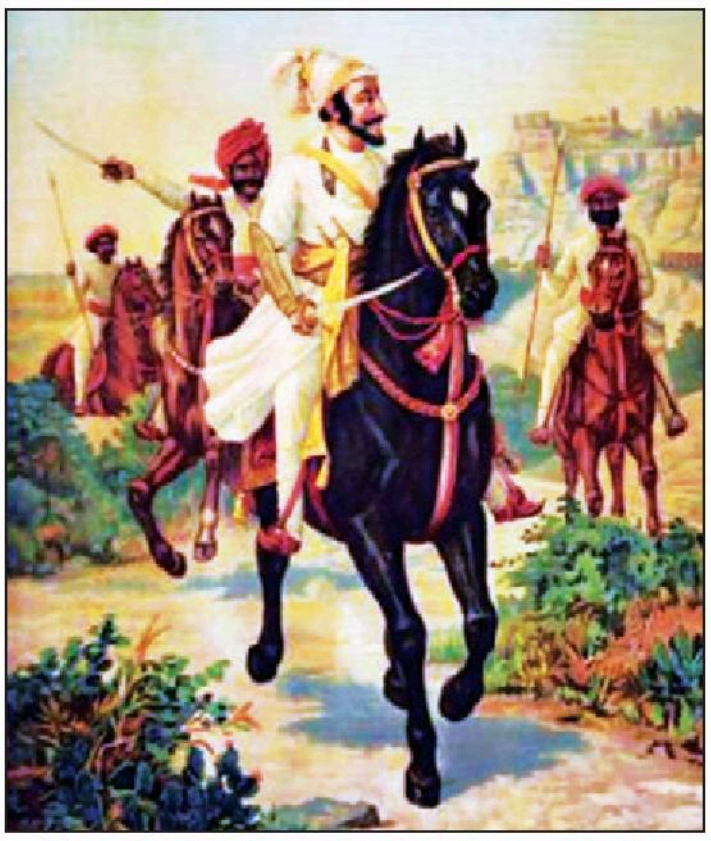
Shahaji was one of the important nobles in the Bijapur Court. He had prospered in Bijapur so well that he lost all interest in his Zamindari lands near the Mughal border. In his Durbar robes, he prominently distinguished himself as a Hindu by the red caste mark on his forehead. Since the Sultan was always in his favour, the intrigues by other Musalman Courtiers did not harm him. Shahaji wanted his son Shivaji to have a suitable career in Bijapur Sultan's service and also wanted to arrange Shivaji's marriage.

To everybody's surprise, Shahaji had already married another woman by name Tukabai and by her, a son Venkoji was born. **Shahaji had such a goodwill with the Sultan of Bijapur that while the boundary between the Mughal empire and the kingdom of Bijapur was demarcated under the Peace Treaty of 1637 the Zamindari (fiefdom) that belonged to Shivaji's grandfather Maloji was brought under the kingdom of Bijapur, outside the area belonging to the Mughal empire, as otherwise Shahaji would lose the ownership of his land.**

Alas, the forethought and the negotiating skill the Sultan and Shahaji had in 1637, our Indian leaders did not have in 1972 while signing the Simla Agreement with Pakistan ! Perish the thought. No wonder CAA protests are continuing.

While Shahaji and Jijabai were thinking about Shivaji's marriage and a career in Bijapur Sultan's service for him, an unexpected episode took place that changed the destiny of Shivaji and in a way of Hindus of the country. Once, Shahaji took his son Shivaji to the Durbar of Bijapur Sultan to pay his respect as a first move in introducing Shivaji into the life of the Court. The Sultan was well-ensconced in the Durbar Hall on a low throne in his royal regalia. An enormous umbrella of the State was held over his head and the courtiers wielded gold-handled fly-whisks.



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As the nobles approached the throne taking their turn, they prostrated themselves before the Sultan bowing their turbaned heads to the carpet. Shivaji's father Shahaji too followed their example. However, his young son Shivaji did not prostrate nor bow his head before the Sultan. Instead he saluted the Sultan with a Maratha *salaam* that he had seen his own people greet their superiors in the villages of the hills country where he lived his days in the past. The Maratha *salaam* was a simple, manly gesture of raising both hands with palms together to level of the chin.

Shivaji's father realised that neither the Sultan nor the other Musalman courtiers would forgive him for his son's innocent or audacious refusal to prostrate like others. It was considered as an act of obstinate defiance on the part of Shivaji. The worst was Shivaji could not be persuaded to correct himself and follow the prescribed manner to approach the Sultan. It was only the high favour which Shivaji's father Shahaji enjoyed in that Court that saved Shivaji from immediate punishment.

After this regrettable incident, Shahaji lost patience with Shivaji. It was a time, with the exception of a few Hindu nobles like Shahaji who were naturally happy in high office, the mass of Hindus were made to feel they were an inferior race, says Historian Dennis Kincaid. As if what had happened at the Sultan's Court was not enough of defiance of a Muslim ruler, **Shivaji had made another show of his protest. He had held a public protest against cow slaughter which led to a riot in which the Musalman butchers were attacked.** Shahaji soon realised that his own position in the Sultan's Court was compromised by his son Shivaji's defiant behaviour. He ordered his wife Jijabai to take Shivaji away from Bijapur and return to their ancestral estates, Zamindari, on the Mughal frontier.

Shivaji was aged 13 years only. The only wise decision his father took while sending Shivaji and his mother away from Bijapur was to appoint a Brahmin teacher (Guru) by name Dadaji Kondadev, to educate Shivaji.

Among the villages that belonged to Shivaji under his father's Jahagir (Zamindari) was Pune through which Mughal soldiers used to pass. Dadaji Kondadev built a big house called 'Lal Mahal' in Pune for Shivaji and his mother.

It is from here Shivaji's future as a warrior and later a King began to unfold and blossom. His spiritual and academic education continued under his mother Jijabai and the Brahmin Guru Dadaji Kondadev. He went about the forest areas on horseback making friends among whom the legendary Tanaji Malusare was one. It may be recalled that recently a Hindi feature film '*Tanhaji*' was made on his life and adventure in assisting Shivaji to capture the forts belonging to the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

Under the guidance of Dadaji Kondadev, Pune became a prosperous town which was once looted and burned down by the Muslim marauders. According to history, only a few fisher folk lived along the river Mutha. Incidentally, from 1970 to 1975, I used to drive along this river Mutha from Deccan Gymkhana area to the Railway Station daily to my office. There is also another river passing through Pune known as Mula.

So the years passed and Shivaji grew to manhood. He was short in height but was broad in shoulders and very strongly built. His arms were unusually long. I am told it is so in the case of many famous persons in history. He allowed his beard and moustache to grow and always wore a turban under which was a prominent aquiline nose. According to historians, he was always erect, very active and whenever he spoke, there was a smile playing on his face. He had a quick and piercing eye.

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Municipal Bonds

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There is limited option to raise funds for the projects as Banks usually do not come forward to offer long-term credits and even if they do, their interest rates are high. Through Municipal Bonds, we can raise long-term credits at lesser rate of interest and there is no risk for the companies that give credit as they are funding Government projects where there is a guarantee of payment unlike fly-by-night private companies, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said.

Advantage to MCC

Municipal Bonds will give MCC the advantage as there will be competition from credit companies for specific projects.

"Through Bonds, we will get funds at a low rate of interest and investors from across the globe will come for a long duration extending up to 15 to 20 years. Even the interest rates will be lower and as the duration is higher, we can repay the money through the revenue that we generate from the project," he said.

This is for the first time such an experiment is being conducted in Karnataka and Mysuru and Mangaluru have been chosen.

"A team had come from Mumbai last week and evaluated the credit ratings of Mysuru. We held a series of meetings and we are positive that we will be able to raise hundreds of crores through Bonds as we will have a control over funds, interest and the repayment. We will float the Bonds and the process might take one or two months. Major projects will be identified and will be a boost for development," he added.

Hegde also revealed that Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation has been named as a Nodal Agency and State Bank of India (SBI) as the consultant Bank to float Municipal Bonds.

The spadework for this cooperation started in November 2019 when there were indications that US Economic and Financial Partnership programme could extend this technical assistance to more cities.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs gauged credit ratings of all cities and asked cities to give a proposal. The project was then put before NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and Dept. of Economic Affairs for their approval.

After necessary go-ahead, 13 cities were short-listed and eight cities were found better prepared to float Bonds than others. A final list was drawn up with six cities. The increase in the number of cities prepared to float Municipal Bonds reflects well on financial health.

Thalassery-Mysuru Rail line not scrapped

Minister Piyush Goyal states in Lok Sabha that DPR has been prepared; decision to be taken by Karnataka, Kerala

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (BCT)- The Indian Railways has not scrapped the controversial Thalassery-Mysuru Railway line via the green swathes of Kodagu. In a reply to a question raised in Lok Sabha on Feb. 5, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said that the project was very much on and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared.

The question was raised by MP from Kozhikode (Congress) K. Muraleedharan who asked the Railway Ministry if the survey on the Thalassery-Mysuru Railway line has been stopped. The MP claimed that the Railway line was the only hope for the people of Malabar to directly travel by rail to Mysuru and Bengaluru. Muraleedharan also asked the Minister if the Railways has shelved the Nilambur-Nanjangud Railway line project. Replying to the MP, Goyal said that the draft DPRs of both the Railway projects have been prepared. He further said that the Railway Board has advised obtaining forest clearance and alignment with approval of all the stakeholders.

The projects have been identified by Kerala State Government and entrusted to Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL). The Survey work for the projects was entrusted to Konkan Railway Corporation Limited for preparing the DPR. KRDCL has submitted the Pre-Feasibility Report by proposing the alignment via Kutta (Kodagu district in Karnataka) to Railway Board, the Minister revealed.

While the Railway Board has advised the KRDCL to obtain forest clearance and alignment with approval of all stakeholders, the Government of Kerala has requested for the high-level meeting between the Chief Secretaries of Kerala and Karnataka, the Minister stated and added that the decision on the Railway lines would be taken at the meeting.

Though the Minister's reply puts the ball in the courts of Karnataka and Kerala Governments, the reply per se has once again raised fears of the ecological damage that would be caused by the two projects, especially the Thalassery-Mysuru project as it cuts through the lush green areas of Nagarahole National Park and Tiger Reserve, Kutta, Kanoor, Balele, Thithimathi and enters Mysuru.

These two projects were in cold storage due to constant opposition from activists and the reports submitted by Karnataka Forest Department who cited environmental destruction as the main reason behind the devastating landslides during two successive years of floods in Kodagu.

It may be recalled here that in October 2019, the Karnataka High Court had asked the Indian Railways to seek mandatory environment-related clearances before commissioning the projects. The Court was hearing Public Interest Litigation filed by Colonel (retd.) C.P. Muthanna, the then President of Coorg Wildlife Society. The petitioners submitted before the Court that the destruction of the pristine forests has already made Kodagu vulnerable to environmental catastrophes.

Cancellation and regulation of trains

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The following trains will be cancelled, diverted, rescheduled and regulated due to pre non-interlocking work on Feb.24 and disconnection on Feb.25 at Harihar Yard for commissioning of Harihar Phase — II yard arrangement for doubling of track between Harihar-Devaragudda Stations on Harihar-Hubballi Section over Mysuru Division as below:

Cancellation

1. Train No. 17325 Belagavi-Mysuru Vishvamanav Express commencing journey from Belagavi on 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020; **2.** Train No. 17326 Mysuru - Belagavi Vishvamanav Express commencing journey from Mysuru on 23.2.2020 and 24.2.2020; **3.** Train No. 56273 / 56274 Arsikere - Hubballi - Arsikere Passenger commencing journey from both sides on 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020; **4.** Train No.56515 / 56516 KSR Bengaluru-Hubballi-KSR Bengaluru Passenger commencing journey from both sides on 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020; **5.** Train No. 56914/56913 Hubballi- KSR Bengaluru-Hubballi Passenger commencing journey from both sides 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020.

Diversion

Train No. 11005 Dadar-Puducherry Chalukya Express commencing journey from Dadar on 23.2.2020 will be diverted to run via Hubballi, Gadag, Hosapete, Amaravati Colony and Davangere.

Rescheduling

Train No.12080 Hubballi-KSR Bengaluru Janshatabdi Express commencing journey from Hubballi on 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020 will be rescheduled by 30 minutes.

Regulation

Train No.12079 KSR Bengaluru-Hubballi Janshatabdi Express commencing journey KSR Bengaluru on 24.2.2020 and 25.2.2020 will be regulated for 30 minutes at en route Stations, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division.

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School Annual Day celebrated

EURO KIDS, YADAVAGIRI: ***The 15th Annual Day of the School was celebrated at Kalamandira in city recently with the theme 'Say no to Plastic.' Children presented various cultural programmes on the theme.***

FUTURE FOUNDATION MONTESSORI SCHOOL, KANAKADASANAGAR, DATTAGALLI 3RD STAGE: ***The School celebrated its 11th Annual Day at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar recently. N.R. Manjunatha, Correspondent, Gopalaswamy Institutions, was the chief guest. N.M. Shivaprakash, Lecturer, Government PU College, Pandavapura, presided. Roopa Chengappa, Head Mistress and teachers were present. Children presented colourful cultural programmes on the occasion.***

CHETHANA PRE-SCHOOL: ***The Annual Day of 'Chethana' Pre-School and 'Kaushala' Pre-Vocational Centre was celebrated under the auspices of Swasahaya Samuchhaya (Parents Association of Mentally Retarded and Cerebral Palsied Children) at the School premises in Saraswathipuram recently. Dr. Shwetha A. Padaki, who was the chief guest, released the newsletter of the Institute — 'Special Child' — and distributed the Best Students Awards. Samuchhaya President K.V. Panduranga Shetty, Secretary B.K. Ramaprasad, Treasurer N. Manjula Prabhakar, Programme Co-ordinator Vanishree, Joint Secretary Suresh were felicitated on the occasion. The celebration concluded with cultural programmes by the special children.***

EAST WEST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: ***The sixth Annual Day of the School — 'Vibes' — was celebrated recently. Chitrakala Nagaraj, Chairperson, East West Group of Institutions, Shakuntala, Member of Board of Directors, East West Group of Institutions, Suma, School Principal, were present. The students in colourful attire captivated the audience through their cultural programmes and the event ended with a moving tribute to late C.M. Nagaraj, Founder of the Institutions.***

ST. MARIA DE MATTIAS SCHOOL, SRIRAMPURA: ***The 2nd Annual Day of the School was celebrated recently with MLA G.T. Devegowda as the chief guest. Rev. Sr. Elsy, Vice-Provincial, Rev. Fr. M. Vincent, Parish Priest, Srirampura, Shilpa, Professor and HoD, Christ College, Suresh, Member of Gram Panchayat, Srirampura, Dr. M.L. Kalicharan, Principal of Vidya Vikas Institute of Legal Studies and Sr. Mini, Manager, St. SMDS, were the guests of honour. The Principal of the School, Rev. Sr. Celine ASC, formally welcomed the guests and presented the Annual Report 'Memorabilia.' Accolades were bestowed on the exceptional and outstanding performers in the fields of Scholastic, Co-scholastic and Sports. The cultural event titled 'Palette' featured instrumental music, karate and dance.***

BLOOMING BUDS MONTESSORI HOUSE OF CHILDREN, V. V. MOHALLA: ***The 13th Annual Day of the School was celebrated at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city recently. Prof. C. Sarvamangala, retired Principal, Maharaja's College, was the chief guest. Children presented colourful cultural programmes.***

Govindaraju Memorial Trophy

Mysore Muslims FC wins 'B' Division title

Players of Mysore Muslims FC who won the MDFA 'B' Division Football League 2019-20 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy in the Tournament conducted by MDFA at the University Grounds in city recently. Seen are *(standing from left)* ***Zaim, Rehan, Anil, Usman and Captain Yunus Pasha;*** *(front row - from Left)* ***Kashif, Zafar, Suffian, Imaran and Afroz. Picture right shows the members of Dynamics FC, Mysuru, which emerged runners-up in the Tournament. Seen are*** *(standing from left)* ***Karthik, Dhanush, Nrupad, Prajwal, Captain Chandan, Pranav, K. Hruthik, Owais and G. Hruthik;*** *(squatting from left)* ***Vineeth, Tejas, Nikhil, Shreyas and Fawaz.***

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Mysore Muslims FC with 24 points (9 played, 8 win, 1 loss) clinched the Mysore District Football Association (MDFA) 'B' Division title 2019-20 for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy at the conclusion of the 'B' Division League matches at the University Grounds here on Thursday. Dynamics FC with 22 points finished runner-up.

Both the teams have been promoted to the 'A' Division.

Pope FC and Kickers FC have been demoted to the 'C' Division.

The prizes to the winners were given away by Dr. C. Krishna, retired Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM). T. Puttaraju, Vice-President, Karnataka State Football Association, Rasheed Ahmed, Chairman, MDFA, L. Manjunath, Hon. Secretary, MDFA, Anand, Treasurer, MDFA and Governing Board and Committee Members were present during the valedictory.

The MDFA, on the occasion, felicitated Mallikarjun, retired Police and Chairman of Referees Committee and Brijesh Singh, Coach and Secretary of Referees Association, for the services rendered by them to the game.

Veteran Athlete M. Yogendra

THIS Week

Athletics is considered to be the mother of all sports. An Athlete is an all-round sports person with immense control of his body and senses. Our city's veteran athlete **Madappa Yogendra,** representing Karnataka in the 41st National Masters Athletic Championship 2020 held at Imphal, Manipur, from Feb. 9 to 14, 2020, won bronze medal in 3000m Steeple-Chase event. He is our *'Star This Week.'*

M. Yogendra won bronze in the Men's 55-plus category of the Championship, with a timing of 14m:08.7s. With this performance, he earns selection to represent India in the World Masters Athletic Championships to be held in Canada later this year.

Yogendra has represented India in the World Masters Athletic Championships held at Brazil, Australia and USA and has performed well and gained valuable exposure competing with athletes from different countries.

Yogendra, who took part in the 20th Asian Masters Athletic Championship-2017 at Rugao in China in September 2017, won two bronze medals in the Men's 55-plus category.

Madappa Yogendra

The 57-year-old master athlete is a Mysurean employed with the Central Excise & Customs Department as Superintend - Service Tax and posted at Bengaluru. Yogendra, son of late P. Madappa and N. Parvathamma, is married to Renuka Devi and has two sons and two daughters.

A long-distance runner, Yogendra has represented Mysore University in the All India Inter-University Athletic Championships for five years. He has represented Karnataka in the All India Inter-State Athletic Championships six times and has won several medals. He has also represented Central Excise & Customs in the Central Revenue Sports Meet in the South Zone and National level.

He has represented India in the Asian Masters Athletic Event in Taipei in 2012 and won fourth place in the 3000m Steeple-Chase event in the men's 50-plus category.

Encouraged by his family, Central Excise & Customs Department, Mysore District Masters Athletic Association and the Masters Athletic Federation, Yogendra intends to work hard and achieve more in the National and International level.

KSCA Mysuru to host Inter-Collegiate Cricket

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The Mysuru Zone of Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) will be conducting the Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament 2019-20 for Colleges affiliated to University of Mysore during the first week of March 2020.

Interested Colleges can collect the entry forms from KSCA office, SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri, from Feb. 24 onwards. Last date for entry is Feb.28. The Tournament will be of 30 overs a side.

For details, contact KSCA Mysuru Zone Office on Ph: 0821-2519900, according to a press release form S. Sudhakar Rai, Convenor, KSCA Mysuru Zone.

SPORTS EVENTS

CRICKET	
Sri M. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament	
Up to 27.2.2020	at SDNR Wadiyar, JSS-SJCE, Maharaja's College and Gangothri Grounds in Mysuru and PET Grounds in Mandya.
KSCA Mysuru Zonal League	
29.2.2020 & 1.3.2020	at Gangothri Glades, Mysuru and PET, Mandya
CHESS	
Open U-19 Chess Tournament	
23.2.2020	by Chamarajanagar District Chess Association at Maharishi Valmiki Bhavana, Chamarajanagar
FOOTBALL	
MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2019-20	
24.2.2020	Shivaji FC Vs Citizen FC
25.2.2020	Lucky Star FC Vs Friends Union FC
26.2.2020	East Mysore FC Vs Metro FC
27.2.2020	Challenge Union FC Vs Lucky Star FC
28.2.2020	Citizen FC Vs East Mysore FC
29.2.2020	Spirited Youth FC Vs Friends Union FC at University Football Grounds, 3.45 pm

Most irresponsible way of carrying out public works

The above photographs show the entrance to Manasagangothri Campus on Hunsur Road, adjacent to a two-wheeler showroom where huge cable drums (or reels) are placed carelessly, blocking pedestrian way. These cables are lying for the past ten days and endangering the safety of those entering the University campus. At six in the morning when hundreds of walkers use this entry for their regular walk, it is still dark. And a majority of them are senior citizens whose lives are at risk. This is gross negligence on the part of the Mysuru City Corporation. This photograph has been sent to Star of Mysore by a senior citizen who has urged the authorities to take immediate steps to clear the path.

Government to promote industries in Tier 2 and 3 cities: Shettar

Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar being welcomed by BJP leaders upon his arrival to the BJP Office at Chamarajapuram this morning.

Mysuru, Feb.23 (PM&DM)- Asserting that the Government is committed for the promotion of industries in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said that this move will help ease the pressure on Bengaluru.

Speaking to press-persons at the BJP Office in Chamarajapuram here this morning, Jagadish Shettar, who is on a private visit to the city, said that Mysuru, being the second biggest city should have become a major industrial hub by now. But unfortunately, the growth of industrial sector in Mysuru is not upto the mark and the Government will evolve concrete plans for the promotion of industries from all sectors in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. Pointing out that a Road Show, Investors Meet and such other promotions will be held in Mysuru shortly, Shettar said that he will hold a meeting with all stake-holders this evening in city.

Maintaining that the Global Investors Meet scheduled to take place in Bengaluru from Nov.3 to 5 this year, will attract large-scale global investments in the State, he said that the propaganda for the meet has already begun with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa meeting several global investors during his visit to World Economic Forum at Davos last month. Claiming that the Investors Meet held at Hubballi a few days ago was a roaring success, Shettar reiterated the BJP Government's commitment for promotion of industries and employment generation.

Referring to Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi's keenness on setting up casino parlours in the State based on Las Vegas model, Shettar said that the Government on Saturday has clarified that it would not allow such casino parlours.

Reacting to a query on Anti-national slogans by some women activists during Anti-CAA agitations, Shettar said that the Government has taken the issue seriously and such cases will be dealt with severely.

Replying to another question on reported differences within the Government, he said that there were no differences or dissensions in the State Cabinet and the BJP Government was concentrating on working for the welfare of the people.

Former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, leaders M. Shivanna, H.V. Rajeev and others were present on the occasion.

Obituary

S.M. Sadashiva

Mysuru, Feb. 23- S.M. Sadashiva (75), son of Mysore Palace Aasthan Vidwan late S.N. Mariyappa (Sasalu Mariyappa) and a resident of Agrahara, passed away today at a private hospital in city following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Chandrakala, son Karthik and daughters Kalapoorna, Ranjini and Roopashree.

Last rites will be held at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds tomorrow at 11 am.

MCC to hike water tariff

(Continued from page 1)

There are 1,83,000 properties in city and in the last financial year, though a property tax target of Rs. 160 crore was set, the MCC was able to collect only Rs. 96.21 crore with an outstanding amount of Rs. 63.79 crore. Property Tax is the major revenue source for the MCC.

MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Kumar Naik told *Star of Mysore* that the property tax and the water tariffs will be increased as a routine exercise. "As per the guidelines, we have to increase the property tax once in three years. The Council members will decide on the quantum of increase," he said.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that it has become inevitable to hike the water tariff to take care of maintenance and other expenditure. At present, the MCC is charging a minimum of Rs. 150 for 25,000 litres of water which include UGD cess, which some City Councils were charging a minimum of Rs. 260 for the same amount of water.

Stating that though the MCC is supplying drinking water at the lowest rate, the MCC Commissioner said that a few have not paid water bills from eight to ten years and added that the MCC is yet to receive about more than Rs. 30 crore water bills from the Government Departments.

He said that a few houses and commercial establishments owe about Rs. 120 crore water bills and added that out of about 1.5 lakh consumers, only 70 percent pay water bills regularly. Also, the city has more than 25,000 illegal water connections.

Online property tax

The MCC has issued work orders for the roll out of online payment of property tax with effect from April 1 this year. Kumar Naik said that digitisation of records in the property register is on and the data is being fed into the systems while software is being developed for the online calculation of tax. "We are working hard to ensure that the system is in place from April 1 as it marks the beginning of the new financial year," he said.

Online property tax payment will be implemented across all nine zones covering 65 wards. Digitising property records of all properties spread across the city is under progress and over 50 data entry operators and 40 revenue inspectors are digitising property records, Kumar Naik added.

City Master Athletes excel

Subbaiah

Pemmaiah

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The following athletes of Mysuru city have bagged medals at the Masters National Athletic Meet held at Vadodara in Gujarat from Feb.5 to 9:

Ajjikuttira C. Subbaiah has secured 2nd place in shot-put, 3rd place in hammer-throw and discuss-throw.

Ayyalapanda A. Pemmaiah has secured 2nd place in javelin-throw and 4th in shot-put.

House burgled

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&KS)- Miscreants have decamped with gold ornaments, silver articles and other items from a house at Doctors' Corner in Gokulam here.

The burglary took place at the house of one Sushanth Kumar. On Feb.18 (Tuesday) at about 7.50 am, Sushanth left for work after locking the house and when he returned at about 2.50 pm on Friday, he found the lock of the front door broken and the door forcibly opened.

When he inspected the house, Sushanth found the almirah kept in the bedroom forcibly opened and 14 grams gold bracelet, silver Ganesha and Lakshmi idols, ATM cards kept in the almirah stolen.

V.V. Puram Police, led by Inspector Vinay, rushed to the house and conducted mahazar. Fingerprint experts and the Dog Squad were also pressed into service.

V.V. Puram Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Miscreants set fire to Gas agency

Mandya, Feb. 23 (Nagaiah)- Key documents of a Domestic Gas (LPG) Distribution Agency was destroyed when a few miscreants set fire to its office at Bindahalli in Pandavapura Taluk on Friday night.

The fire destroyed documents and a computer in the office of Eshwari Gas Agency. Fire fighters from Pandavapura, who rushed to the spot, doused the fire before it could engulf into the adjacent LPG cylinder godown, thus averting a major fire tragedy.

The agency owner Rajesh said that most of the documents in the office have been gutted by the fire allegedly set by miscreants. However, the fire was doused before it could spread to the adjoining godown, he added.

Obituary

Mollera Babita

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Mollera Babita (Aramanamada), wife of Mollera Vishwa and a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away this morning at a private hospital in Bengaluru following heart attack. She was 45.

She leaves behind her husband, a son and a daughter. Cremation took place at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam today.

Kalegowda

Kalegowda (80), a resident of Maakanahundi in the taluk, passed away on Friday night at his residence. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and two daughters. Last rites were performed at his farm on Saturday.

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Sealed item Rate tenders in the prescribed form are invited by the Principal, JSS PDA, Mysuru from the Registered Civil Contractors of State PWD / CPWD for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to Tender Rs. (Excluding GST @12%)	EMD 2.5% for General & 1.25% for Reserved Category	Cost of Tender Form + GST @ 18%*	Time allowed for Completion of work	Class of Contractor	Reservation
1	Repairs and Painting works to Toilet in Hostel Block D of JSSPDA	4,45,468	5.570	530	20 Days	Class IV and above	ST
2	Repairs and Painting works to Toilet in Hostel Block C of JSSPDA	4,45,468	5.570	530	20 Days	Class IV and above	SC
3	Repair of existing water proof course with Chemical Water Proofing Treatment to RCC Roof Slab of CS Dept. at JSS PDA	4,44,935	11.130	530	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
4	Repair of existing Water Proof Course with Chemical Water proofing Treatment to RCC Roof **Slab of CP Dept. at JSS PDA**	4,44,941	11.130	530	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
5	**Replacement and Re-alignment of existing damaged UGD line from** Dining Block to existing manhole at Hostel Block D of JSSPDA	4,45,494	11.140	530	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
6	Replacement and Re-alignment of existing damaged UGD line from Architecture Block to Administrative Block of JSS PDA	4,36,237	10.910	520	20 Days	Class IV and above	General
7	Painting to Existing Dining & Kitchen Block of JSS PDA	2,16,506	2.710	260	20 Days	Class IV and above	SC

* Non Refundable

Date of issue of tender forms : 24-02-2020 to 29-02-2020 upto 2.00 p.m.

Last date for receipt of tender : 03-03-2020 upto 4.00 p.m.

Date of opening of tender : 04-03-2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Tentative)

Separate tender forms are available for each work.

Tender form can be obtained by payment of cost of tender from this office. Tenderers should furnish GST No, PAN, License and Caste Certificate (if required) at the time of purchase of tender form. DD for EMD should be infavour of **The Principal, JSS PDA, Mysuru.**

The decision of the Managing committee will be final in all respects.

Further details can be had from the office of the Principal, JSS PDA, JSS TI Campus, Mysuru, on all working days from Monday to Friday between 10.30 AM to 5.30 PM and on Saturday 10.30 AM to 2.00 PM.

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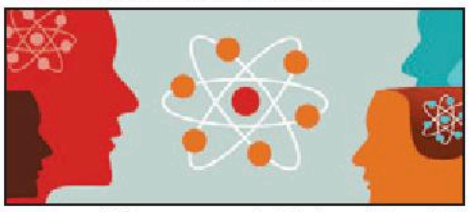
WORD OF THE DAY

Salutogenesis

Pronunciation: sə-ˌlü-tō-ˈje-na-sis.



Meaning: Salutogenesis is a medical approach focusing on factors that support human health and well-being, rather than on factors that cause disease (pathogenesis). More specifically, the "salutogenic model" is concerned with the relationship between health, stress, and coping. It is an approach to human health that examines the factors contributing to the promotion and maintenance of physical and mental well-being rather than disease with particular emphasis on the coping mechanisms of individuals which help preserve health despite stressful conditions.

Origin: The word "salutogenesis" comes from the Latin salus- health and the Greek genesis- origin. Antonovsky developed the term from his studies of "how people manage stress and stay well" (unlike pathogenesis which studies the causes of diseases). The word was introduced by the Israeli-American medical sociologist Aaron Antonovsky (1923-94) in 'Health, Stress and Coping (San Francisco, 1979).'

THE ODD WORD

Sacristy

Room in church where sacred objects are kept.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Security blanket

Meaning: A small familiar blanket or other soft fabric item carried by a child for reassurance; a form of harness for a baby's crib; all-encompassing military and political security measures.

Origin: The term 'security blanket', also known as 'comfort blanket', was coined by Charles Schulz for his 'Peanuts' cartoon strip. Security blankets were known to Americans in the 1920s and were at that date overblankets which were clipped into babies' cribs to stop the occupants falling out.

The term 'security blanket' was then used during World War II to refer to strict security measures that were taken to keep Allied military plans from falling into the hands of the Germans. The term was coined in that context by the US military while fighting in Europe. The emergence of the military use of 'security blanket' about twenty years after the use of the term in a domestic setting does suggest the possibility that those coining a new meaning for it were the babies that were tucked up under security blankets a generation earlier.

Example: This is a 'security and happiness' blanket. All little kids carry them.

QUOTE BOX

Santa Claus has the right idea; visit people once a year. **—Victor Borge**

RIDDLE THIS

What's at the end of Christmas?

Answer: The letter 'S.'

SUDOKU

4				7		2		
3			8				7	6
7	6				3			5
	2							
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6			2				5	9
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		4		9				1

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	9	5	2	8	3	1	4
4	2	5	3	6	1	8	9	7
8	3	1	4	9	7	6	2	5
3	7	4	2	8	9	1	5	6
5	9	2	6	1	3	4	7	8
6	1	8	7	4	5	2	3	9
2	8	7	1	5	6	9	4	3
9	4	3	8	7	2	5	6	1
1	5	6	9	3	4	7	8	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 One from Belgrade
5 Swiss river - change of "area"?
9 African Natl. Cong.
12 Aboard ship
13 Capital of Arunachal Pradesh
15 Satellite Television Asia Reg.
16 Placed in a separated grouping (3,5)
17 Brave woman
19 A circle abbreviated as "about" in Latin?
20 U-turn from NNW
21 Unmoving, stationary
23 Grind one's teeth
26 Public conveyance
27 A well known timber tree
28 An invisible or subtle emanation
29 Energy or vigour
30 Different "sale" gets you the girl?
31 By way of
32 In addition
33 Broadcasting (2,3)
34 Real estate term
36 Marry
37 A sound to attract attention ?
38 One whose wife has passed away
42 Toughened by heating and slow cooling
44 Perform or accomplish again
45 A tough or excruciating ordeal (4,4)
46 Indicate, portend or sound to be
47 Light-Emitting Diode
48 Swearword
49 ___ Ferber : "So Big" author?

DOWN

1 Sliding frame for window panes
2 Italian noble family
3 The back end
4 SA wine-producing region
5 Department of France that has Laon as its capital
6 It fits to ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
7 Long-tailed rodent
8 Dramatizes or performs
9 Capital of Tripura
10 Spring flowers
11 Cathode Ray Tube, abbr.
14 Samoan Port
18 "Like" suffix
21 Determine the total of
22 Scorch
23 Contributed
24 Pest or irritation
25 Spider or scorpion
26 School subject, in short
29 Pledge
30 Approve, sanction
32 Love–apple
33 British ref. book
35 Marshy plant
36 From side to side
38 Compass direction?
39 Unwanted plant
40 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
41 Their capital for the Italians?
42 East Indian shrub
43 A tract of open ground, especially a grassland or a meadow

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	S	S	■	I	D	E	A	■	E	U	R	O
M	E	W	■	N	U	T	S	■	C	R	A	W
M	A	I	N	R	O	A	D	■	Z	E	A	L
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S	T	A	B	L	E	S	■	H	A	R	A	R
W	A	R	■	L	A	T	H	E	■	I	P	O
A	B	A	C	I	■	Y	E	A	R	N	E	D
P	U	T	O	F	F	■	T	R	A	■	■	■
■	■	■	H	E	L	D	■	S	I	N	G	S
A	A	R	E	■	O	C	C	I	D	E	N	T
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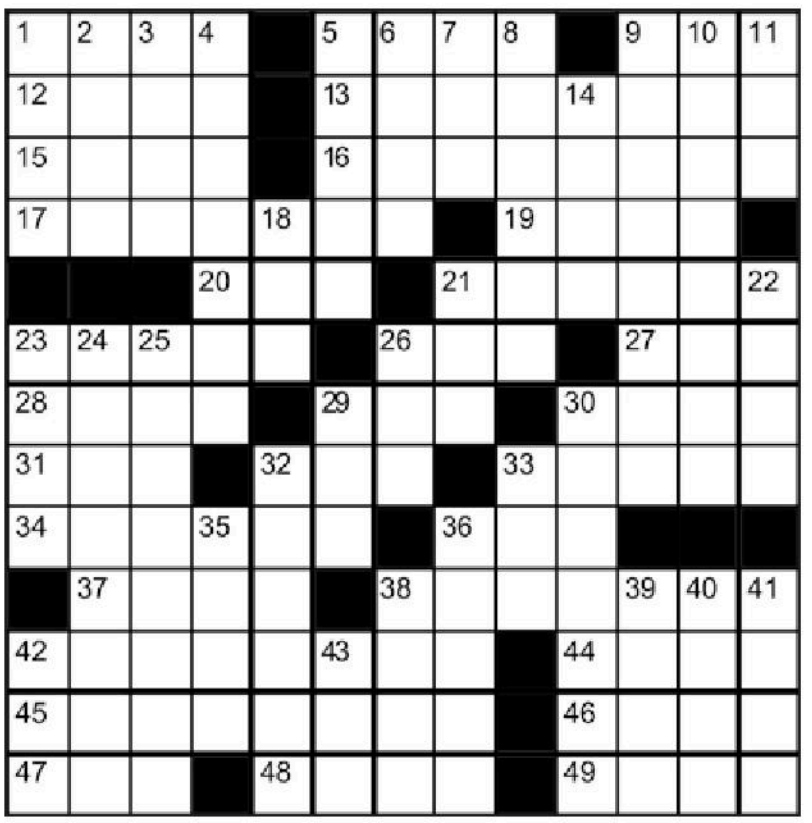

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WYZJZ RJZ WCI NXAPO IU SZISKZ, WYIOZ CYI

UXAXOY CYRW WYZV OWRJW RAP OI IA.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's not the things we do in life that we regret on our death bed, it is the things we do not.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
3rd Class	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Om Shanthi	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Aadhya	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Mounam	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Shivaji Surathkal	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Popcorn Monkey Tiger	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Deadly Affair	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
War	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Bhoot Part 1	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bheeshma	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
.....	Padma	2521923	M. Show

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Popcorn Monkey Tiger (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Mafia (Ta)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Bheeshma (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Brahms: The Boy II (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Bhoot Part-1 (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm 7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan (H)	(S-4)	11. 00 am, 4.30 pm 7.20 pm, 9.55 pm

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Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.00 pm 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Mafia (Ta)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Aadhya (K)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Bhoot Part One: The Haunted Ship (H)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 1.55 pm, 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Mounam (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Bheeshma (Te)	(S-1)	12.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.25 pm
Popcorn Monkey Tiger (K)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.55 am, 4.25 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm

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Popcorn Monkey Tiger (K)	10.05 am, 1.45 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Bheeshma (Te)	10.25 am, 3.45 pm
Bhoot - Part One: The Haunted Ship (H)	10.50 am, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan (H)	11.05 am, 1.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	1.00 pm, 6.50 pm
Mafia Chapter-1 (Ta)	1.35 pm
Aadyaa (K)	4.10 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	9.35 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Silk India-2020 exhibition to conclude on Mar. 1

Mysuru, Feb. 23- 'Silk India-2020' exhibition-cum-sale, organised by OA&C at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city from Feb.21, will conclude on Mar.1. **The expo is open to public from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm on all days.**

The exhibition brings together rural artisans from the eastern part of India featuring vast collections of cotton and silk handlooms, Odisha tie-and-dye, dress material and sarees, West Bengal cotton sarees and many more. The expo aims at promoting the art of the weavers and craftsmen by making the customers purchase directly from the craftsmen at the lowest price.

'Silk India' is all about the use of traditional handloom skills to create contemporary lifestyle products. For details, contact Manas Acharya on Mob: 097420-85198, according to a press release.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 23)

Kodava Samaja: Screening of 'Baava Battel,' the first-ever experimental short-film in Kodava language [Produced by Manavattira Sangeeth Erappa and Directed by Manduvanda Prajwal Ganapathy], Kodava Samaja premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm, 6.30 pm and 8 pm.**

Dakshina Kannada Doctor's Cultural Association, Mysuru: Yakshagana 'Babruvahana Kalaga' by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru, Industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi chief guest, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath of Kamakshi Hospital presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendra Seva Samiti: Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanti Mahotsava, discourse on 'Sangraha Ramayana and Sri Rayara Mahime' by Pt. Nagarahalli Raghavendrachar, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Khandana Bhava Bandana,' Ashram premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Mysuru and Gokulam Residents: Sugama Sangeetha by **Dr. Pushpalatha,** Co-ordinator, All India Radio (AIR), Mysuru, accompanied by her son Vid. B.R. Alap and daughter Swasri, Corporator SBM Manju and Vijaya Foundation Chairman Dr. B.R. Pai chief guests, Ganasabha President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Yadavagiri: 'Sneha Millan' programme for Teachers, MLC Maritibbegowda chief guest, BK Lakshmiji graces the occasion, Brahma Kumaris premises, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**

DRAMAS

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of children play 'Giddu Tailor Chaddi Specialist, School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Adamya Rangashale and Neelakanteshwara Natya Seva Sangha (NINASAM), Heggodu: Staging of play 'Antaranga' (written by Maurice Maeterlinck, translated to Kannada by Madhava Chippali, directed by Shankar Venkateshwaran), Sri Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Vivekananda PU College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Rangavalli: Staging of play 'Blind Shot,' a Kannada translation of English play 'Wait Until Dark' written by Frederick Knott [Translation: B.P. Arun; Direction: Vishwas Krishna], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 24)

Sri Mahaganapati Seva Samiti: Sri Annapurneshwari Jathra Mahotsava and Maharathotsava, Utsavanga, Ganapati Puje, Punyaha, Sankalpa Prarthane and Ganapati Homa, **8.30 am;** Purnahuti, **12 noon;** Ranga Puje, Music Programme by Shivaara Umesh and troupe, Temple premises, Hebbal 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Manasagangothri: 'Keerthana Sahitya - Maarga mattu Desi,' Kannada Development Authority Chairman T.S. Nagabharana inaugurates, senior scholar Prof. RBS Sundharam speaks, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar chief guest, CESCK Project Director Prof. K.R. Durgadas delivers keynote address, CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao presides, Centre premises, **10 am to 5.30 pm.**

Sri Lagadha Maharshi Jyotirvijnana Samshodhana Samsthe, Khille Mohalla: Workshop on 'Jyotishya and Vastu,' releasing of Sri Lagadha Maharshi Jyotirvijnana Panchanga and certificate distribution, A.E. Raghu, Asst. Commissioner, Alamatti, Vijayapura district and H.K. Kavita, Asst. Teacher, Hunsur, will inaugurate, Prof. Vid. Srinivasamurthy, Principal, Sri Shankaravilasa Samskruta College, presides, V. Somanna, in-Charge Minister, Mysuru District, chief guest, M. Madaiah, owner, Mamata Finanace, Bengaluru, Raju Buddji, agriculture expert, will be present, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, Mysore University, releases Panchanga, S. Shivamurthy Kanya, District President, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayata Mahasabha, Mysuru, guest, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**

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